

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Adoption

All Commission Actions should further relevant legislation including the State's Interests, as established in 2009 HEA 121, and identified as: Educated Citizenry, Diversified Economy, Workforce Development, Efficient and Effective Systems, and Accountability and Improvement.

SESSION TYPE:

- ☒ Approval Action
- ☐ Authorization Action
- ☐ Information Item
- ☐ Other: [describe]

APPLIES TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

- ☒ Yes (select below):
 - ☒ Educational Attainment
 - ☒ Affordability
 - ☐ Program Alignment
 - ☒ Economic Development
- ☐ No [describe purpose]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Overview of agenda item, providing explanation of its purpose and a summary of relevant context.

The final budget is up for consideration. The Tab on the agenda points to the Budget Book, which is laid out in the same format the Governor and the Legislature receive it. The Budget Book is the outcome of actions taken by the Commission at their June 2021 meeting with a few slight modifications. The State Budget Department has directed the Agency to include all aspects of an exception request for State Aid in the Agency budget. We have complied with that request, and you will see 3 exception requests related to State Aid, and a very carefully worded recommended motion that satisfies the intent of the Budget Department and the AG opinion. Additionally, during the June meeting, you adopted a priority order of 28 individual exception request that have been collapsed down into 10, which includes the 3 new state aid requests. This was accomplished by consolidating almost all of the IT related requests into one line item (priority #6). Another item of particular note is related to your original exception request priority #7 in the amount of \$1,993 for additional computer support at ETS, which is now \$84,587. This change occurred because of the way the current billing works and how we are paying those bills with funds that are not appropriated specifically for that purpose.

PRIOR RELATED COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS:

Commissioner development in April of each year and then subsequent draft budget adoption at the June meeting each year.

WHY THIS ITEM IS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

W.S. 21-18-202(c)(ii) and 21-18-203 (a)-(f), the Commission approves a biennial budget submission and a request for an enrollment adjustment.

ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS COMMISSION MEETING:

Adopt a budget

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- 1. Move to approve the standard budget and department budget priorities, as presented;**
- 2. Move to approve exception budget priorities 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 and the amounts attached thereto, as presented;**

- 3. Move to submit to the Budget Department a recommendation for an exception request reflected in, and prioritized as numbers 4 and 5 in the total amount of \$40,337,852 for community college state aid.**
- 4. Move to recommend the Budget Department and Governor do not adopt the negative exception request for the quadrennial recalibration of the base period, also known as the enrollment adjustment, listed as priority 10.**